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August 17, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#26 AUGUST 17, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM
WALNUT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL URBAN GREENING PROJECT
VANGUARD LEARNING CENTER URBAN GREENING PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the resolution to apply for an Urban Greening Program grant from the State Strategic Growth Council to fund community improvement projects at Walnut Park Elementary School in Walnut Park and Vanguard Learning Center in Willowbrook.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed projects are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works or her designee to approve the filing of the application and execution of the agreement, amendment, and payment requests for the purpose of securing the Urban Greening Program grant from the State Strategic Growth Council.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopt the Resolution (Enclosure) authorizing the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the application, agreement, amendment, and payment

requests for the purpose of securing the Urban Greening Program grant to fund the “Walnut Park Elementary School Urban Greening Project,” in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park and the “Vanguard Learning Center Urban Greening Project” in the unincorporated community of Willowbrook.

The two proposed projects consist of constructing environmental features that will promote waste reduction; improve air and water quality; and promote water conservation in the community. At each school, the project will construct a community garden, an outdoor smart garden learning center, and landscaped reading areas, and walking paths. The landscaped areas will include planting drought-tolerant trees and shrubs, and installing fences, irrigation lines, and benches made from recycled-plastic. The community garden will allow the schools to compost their organic waste to nourish the garden and divert it from landfills. The smart garden learning center is an outdoor classroom that will allow the County to conduct workshops and educate residents in techniques on composting, landscaping, grass recycling, and water-wise gardening. Parts of the walking path will consist of a resilient surface made from recycled tires.

The projects will assist the County in complying with the requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) and contributing to efforts in addressing climate change, consistent with the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) and Health and Mental Health (Goal 4) by providing residents with critical community improvements that benefit the environment and enrich the lives and improve the health of the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

An amount of \$55,000 for preliminary engineering services is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Solid Waste Management Fund Budget and \$455,000 for future construction will be requested through the annual budget process. The total cost of the two projects is estimated at \$510,000, with partial reimbursement of \$435,000 from the Urban Greening Grant and \$75,000 in matching funds from Solid Waste Management Fund. Public Works will return to your Board for acceptance of grant funds upon grant award notification.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The State Strategic Growth Council requires a resolution from an applicant's governing body authorizing the submittal and execution of applications and agreements for the grant. The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA, according to Sections 15303 (d), (e) and 15304 (a), (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3(a), (b) and 4(a), (c) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project provides for new accessory structures and utility conveyance, as well as minor grading and

landscaping.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current County services or projects during the performance of these recommended actions.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and three fully executed copies of the Resolution to Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

GF/WF:td

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM
UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY
AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL
PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Urban Greening Grant Program (Program) under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this Program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Applicant) desires to submit two applications for funds from this grant program, one for the Walnut Park Elementary School Urban Greening Project in unincorporated Walnut Park and the other for the Vanguard Learning Center Urban Greening Project in unincorporated Willowbrook; and

WHEREAS, the application procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of applications by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

1. Approves the filing of applications for the Walnut Park Elementary School Urban Greening Project and Vanguard Learning Center Urban Greening Project; and
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the applications; and
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds; and

5. If applicable, certifies that the projects will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and
6. Certifies that Applicant will work toward the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and
7. Appoints the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, or her designee as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

The foregoing Resolution was on the 17 day of August, 2010, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By

Julia Weissman
Deputy